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SUBJ: LAWS GOVERNING ARMS EXPORTS FROM BENIN

REF (A) STATE 28053, (B) 75 COTONOU 1127,

1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF PREVAILING LAWS ON THE EXPORTATION OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM BENIN:

A) COMMERCE IN FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION IS FORBIDDEN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF IMPORTATION BY SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED COMMERCIAL AGENCIES AND RE-SALE FOR PERSONAL USE. SEE REF B.

B) POSSESSORS OF FIREARMS LEAVING BENIN MUST NOTIFY DISTRICT AUTHORITIES AND POSSESSION PERMITS MUST BE STAMPED "RE-EXPORTED" WITH THE DATE OF DEPARTURE OF FIREARMS FROM BENIN.

C) POSSESSORS WHO WISH TO SEND FIREARMS OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR REPAIRS MUST OBTAIN TEMPORARY RE-EXPORTATION PERMIT FROM THE MIN OF INTERIOR.

2. LAWS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED FOR ARMS SHIPMENTS LABELED AS SUCH. DISTRICT AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN LISTS OF THE POSSESSORS OF FIREARMS IN EACH DISTRICT, AND PERMITS MUST BE UNCLASSIFIED

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OBTAINED FROM THE MIN OF INTERIOR FOR THE TRANSPORT OF ARMS WITHIN

BENIN. POSSIBILITIES FOR ILLICIT RE-EXPORT ARE SLIGHT. IMPORTATION IS DONE ON A REQUEST BASIS, AND THE END USER MUST HAVE OBTAINED ALL NECESSARY PERMITS BEFORE THE TRANSACTION. THEREFORE, NO QUANTITIES OF ARMS EXIST THAT COULD BE COMMERCIALY RE-EXPORTED.

3. LAWS ABOVE PERTAIN TO ARMS FOR HUNTING AND PERSONAL PROTECTION. SHIPMENTS OF MILITARY ARMS TO BENIN IMMEDIATELY BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE BENINESE ARMY AND ARE NOT HANDLED BY CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES.
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